like the Maruti Udyog Limited has begun to place orders for capital goods to foreign countries and as a result thereof the capital goods concerns in India are facing crisis and the country is again sliding into dependence to other countries; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Applications for import of capital goods are considered on merits taking into account indigenous capability. The proposal of Maruti Udyog for import of certain machinery was cleared after consideration of all the relevant factors including the commitment to indigenise the car up to 95 percent within the stipulated period. The question of country sliding into dependence on the countries does not arise.

Site workers of construction companies

2728. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Mniister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision not to absorb site workers as permanent staff on completion of projects by the public sector construction companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any plan for the absorption of such workers in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL Development (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Opening of closed units in Bihar

2729. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Central Government to start the closed units of Rohtas Industries, Ashok Paper Mill, Katihar Jute Mill and Kumardhubhi Engineering Works in Bihar; and

(b) since how long they are lying closed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Financial Institutions, in consultation with the Central Government and the State Governments of Assam and Bihar, are working out the modalities for early re-opening of Ashok Paper Mills, which has remained closed from March 1983 (Assam Unit) and October, 1982 (Bihar Unit).

As regards Rohtas Industries, it is lying closed from 9-9-1984. The State Government of Bihar in consultation with the Financial Institutions, are considering appropriate measures for reopening of the unit taking into account the financial requirements, various reliefs required to be extended, etc.

As regards Kumardhubi Engineering Works, the units was taken over by the Government of Bihar in July 1983 and a new company in the name and style of M/s. Kumardhubi Metal Casting & Engineering Limited has been registered as a wholly owned subsidiary of Bihar State Industrial Development Corporation for managing it. M|s. Tata Iron & Steel Company has been selected as a collaborator by the new company and a lease agreement has been signed between it and TISCO on 27.7.1984 to reopen the unit.

The Katihar jute Mills was reopened on the 11th September, 1985.